

REMARKS

Claims 2-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is cancelled without disclaimer of or waiver of the cancelled subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to file a Continuing Application directed to the cancelled subject matter.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR § 1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance by cancelling the only rejected claim.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 2-10 are allowed.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,705,077 to Uedahira et al. (Uedahira). By this amendment, claim 1 is cancelled, rendering the rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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